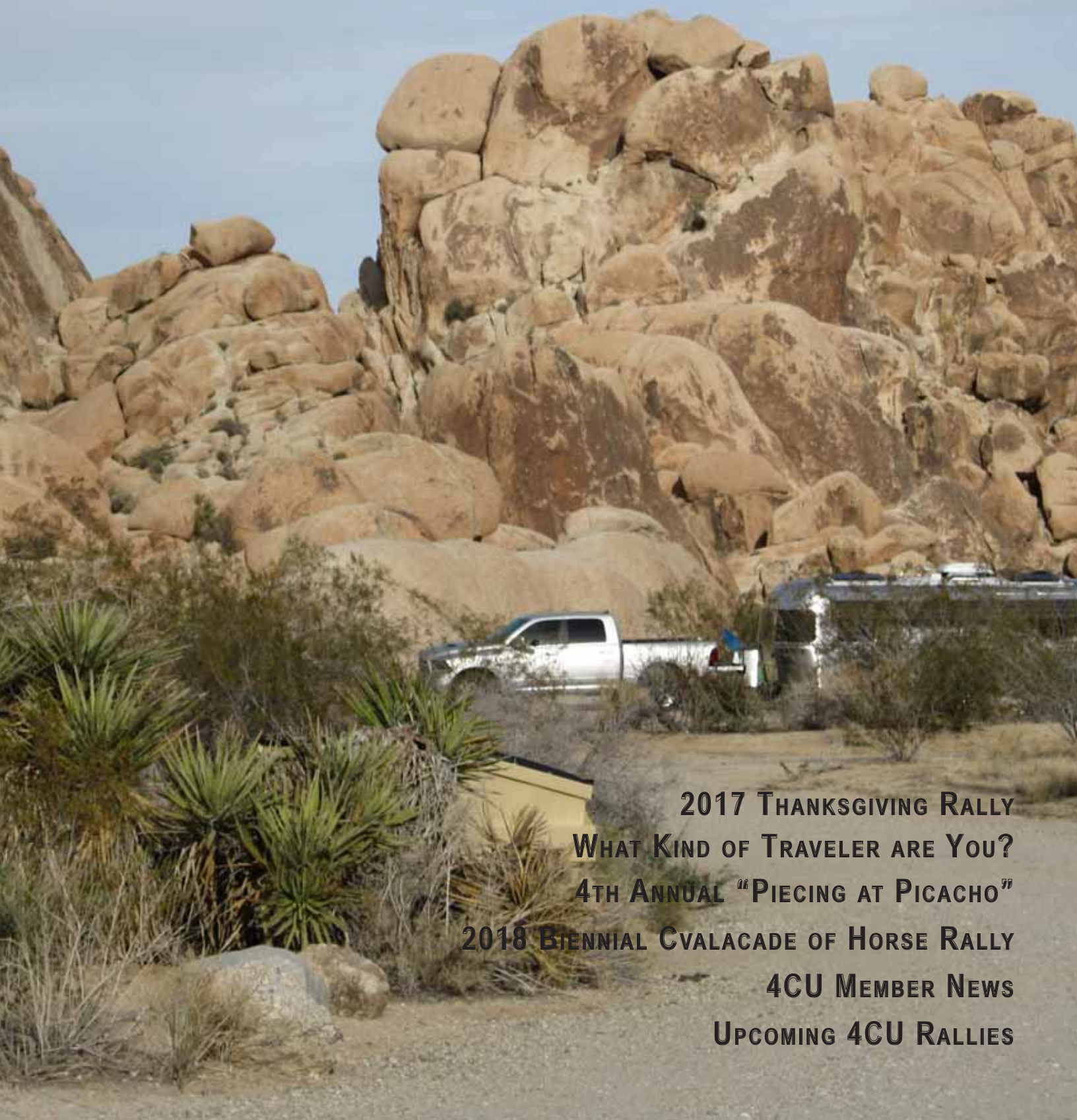


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This issue we see an  
Airstream at Indian Cove  
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Alan Bobman

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## EDITOR'S LETTER

By Bonnie Bobman

Here comes the first newsletter in a while. Our apologies to you and thank you for your patience.

We've had a "changing of the guard" here at the newsletter this past season. We bid a warm farewell to our wonderful web/newsletter team, Stephen and Ilene Porter, as they move out of our Airstream crew. As members for close to 5 years who actually met through the 4CU and married, they were wonderful rally hosts (July 4th on the Rim) and a genuine part of our family. We wish them all the best.

So, this is a HUGE issue, so PLEASE take some time to read what's been going on. There's lots of news and information for you.

As we begin to look toward our future 2018 publications, I ask you to send in your stories, your helpful hints, your favorite campsites, pictures and anything else you would like to share with your fellow members. Our newsletter is the best place to share as not everyone is on social media!!!

Please don't forget to check out our website [fourcornersunit.com](http://fourcornersunit.com) and open the galleries of photos from all our events! Your fellow photo bugs may have caught you!!

See you down the road!

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# Letter from the 4CU President

✧ By Terry Rich ✧

As your new president for 2018, I want to personally thank Steve Bitter, retiring 4CU President. Steve stepped up and took the mantle of president four years earlier than expected. Timing was not the greatest for Steve, yet he took it on for the good of the 4CU. At that time, I promised to have his back and assist him as needed, and it has worked out great. We are all indebted to Steve for his service to the unit. Happily, he will remain on the board as Immediate Past President to give us his valuable input and lend us his level head in unit matters. So thanks, Steve!

Moving forward with the presidency, my goal — in addition to managing the every-day operations of the unit, of course — is to focus on rally development.

We have had some great rallies ... some becoming regular events. We've built a good reputation for holding great, fun rallies, thanks to those who have hosted and co-hosted in the past. That said, we need to work to keep that reputation viable and to keep our offerings fresh and our membership happily engaged. Rallies are, after all, the life-blood of the unit and our reason for being.

As with any organization, participation is key - and with the 4CU, not only is participation in rallies important, but hosting and co-hosting of rallies is crucial. We can't have one without the other and vice versa. So we all need to be involved.

Our participation is good...we usually have 20 – 30 rigs at any given rally and that's a good number. We need to work on development and hosting of new rallies. I urge you to put on your thinking caps for ideas. They can be planned around an event, tied to a location, based on a holiday, or for no particular reason other than getting together for some fun. Possibilities are endless. Find those great places you wish to share with other 4CU campers!

With the hosts of the long-running Lo Lo Mai Mardi Gras Rally taking a well-deserved break, we had a "rally gap" to fill. Thank you, Ed & Christa Whitney and Rob & Kelly Watson, for stepping up to host a new rally held in March ... the Binational Pancho Villa Cavalcade of Horses in Columbus, NM, (see the wrap-up in this newsletter). The hosts went above and beyond to make it a most memorable rally! The pictures prove it!

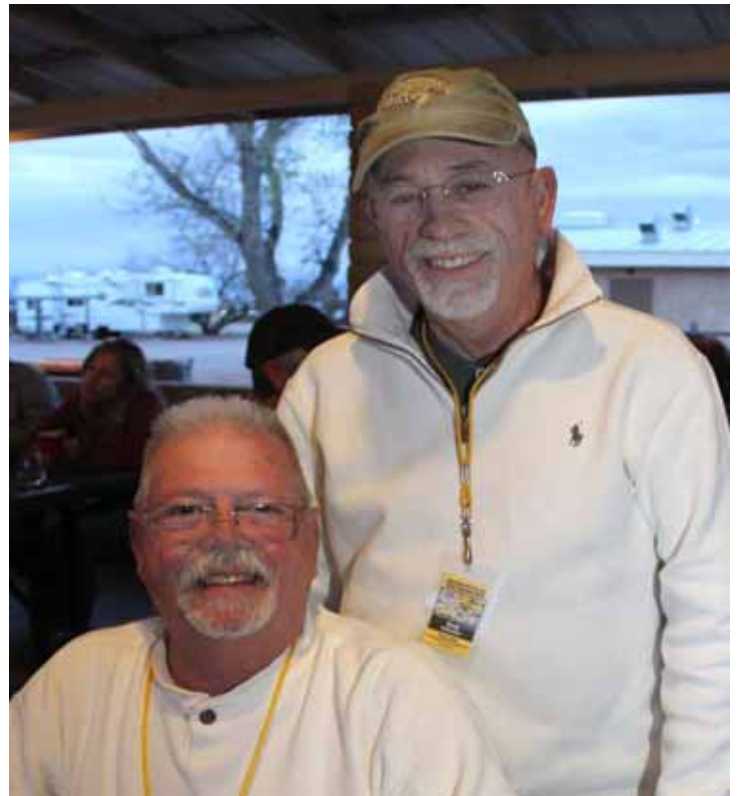
After the Moab2 Rally in early May and the Summer in Santa Fe Rally in early June, and the International Rally in Salem late late June/early July, we have a few months open on the docket when we need your help to fill these "gaps".

If you're afraid it would be too much for you, don't be. We encourage co-hosting and can support you along the way. Previous hosts are willing to assist and coach as well. We have guidelines to help - <https://fourcornersunit.com/rally-planning-guidelines.html> With more folks working to organize rallies we can avoid a burnout problem, which will happen if the rallies are left up to a small handful of us. It's true what they say: "Many hands make light work."

If you'd like to discuss a rally idea that you've come up with or that has been brewing for a while, please contact me to discuss. It's never too early to begin working on a new rally!

Your president,

Terry Rich



TERRY RICH AND GREG SCHMUKER 2018 CAVALCADE OF HORSES RALLY, NM - PHOTO: DIANE MOORE

# 4CU 2018 Election Results

Voting was completed for the 2018 Board of Directors on 17 October 2017! We received a total of 105 votes, which is 53% of the 199 voting members at that time. The vote was a unanimous acceptance of the 2018 Slate of Nominees as presented by the Nominating Committee. There were no write-ins. Thanks to all who participated in the election.

Following are the 2018 4CU Board of Directors. Congratulations everyone!

**President:** Terry Rich (to serve a 1-year term)

**1st Vice President:** Sergio Quiros (to serve a 1-year term)

**2nd Vice President:** Ruth Vollmer (to serve a 1-year term)

**Treasurer:** Howard Efner (to serve another 1-year term)

**Recording/Corresponding Secretary:** Bonnie Bobman (to serve another 1-year term)

**Immediate Past President:** Steve Bittner (non-elected position)

**Trustees:**

Britt Quisenberry (to serve the 2nd year of a 2-year term)

Diane Moore (to serve the 1st year of a 2-year term)

Vera Rossbach (to serve the 1st year of a 2-year term)

**A special thanks to our retiring 2017 Board Members:**

Kathryn Crowder, Trustee

Guiseppe Margiotta, Trustee

Janis White, Immediate Past President

Your dedicated service to the Unit is much appreciated!

**The 2018 Board officially took office 15 Dec 2017.** At the New Years Rally we recognized not only the new board members and changes in leadership positions, but also our retiring board members.

**Thank you all for your service to the Unit!**

**Thanks to the 2018 Nominating Committee for their hard work:**

Steve Bittner     Kathryn Crowder     Alan Bobman



2017 NEW YEARS RALLY - PHOTO BY DENNIS & DIANE MOORE

## Letter from Our Past President

✧ By Steve Bittner ✧

Hello again 4CU members! Hope early spring is seeing everyone in good health and you are enjoying the fun of camping and fellowship. Reg and I have not been on the road for several months, just too much work to catch up on. We have been working steadily on Reg's sister's trailer so we can get them on the road and joining us! We are hoping to see many of you at some of the upcoming rallies.

We have completed the unit elections since the last newsletter and congratulate all the new members of the board as well as returning leaders. I wish you the best and will continue to support our outstanding WBCCI unit!!

4CU is a very diverse group and I am enjoying watching our membership grow and watch as more members become involved in hosting rallies and lending a hand at every gathering!

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow officers, board members and the general membership for your support during my tenure as President. You have all made this a truly enjoyable experience. Special thanks to Terry Rich as he was an invaluable mentor for me.

Hope to see you all soon!

Steve Bittner

Past President





2018 NEW YEARS RALLY - TAMALE MAKING! - PHOTO BY TERRY RICH GREG SCHMUKER

## 4CU Member News

~ By Terry Rich ~

**Guiseppe Margiotta (Pagosa Springs, CO)** has just had surgery on his shoulder after a fall that resulted in a torn muscle to the rotator. G reported that he is through the surgery and now doing the one-armed existence while his shoulder heals. G's wife, **Maureen**, is a nurse so he is in good hands. We wish you a speedy recovery, Guiseppe!

**Byron & Cathy Wright (full-timers of Livingston, TX)** put away their maps and sold their Airstream to spend more time with their kids in Atlanta and Seattle ... and help with their first two grandchildren, both born in the last four months. We will miss them!... and we hope they will come back to the 4CU fold at some point. In the meantime, Byron & Cathy — congrats on the grandkids and we wish you the best in your new life!

Full-timers and video bloggers, **Steve & Tess Hulme (Alpine, UT)** have downsized from their 30-foot Airstream to a 23' Ocean Breeze. Full-timing in a 23? Yup ... and they are loving it. The only real challenge has been the difference in holding tank capacities. They are still actively blogging, of course — check their You Tube channel out (and "like" or subscribe) for all their latest travels and adventures ...[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=the+more+we+explore](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=the+more+we+explore).

Congrats to **Bonnie Bobman (Scottsdale, AZ)** for earning Honorable Mention Award for her quilt "Little Red Baguette" at the Arizona Quilters Guild Ruby Extravaganza Show this Year!!!

## *In Memorium*

We received sad news that **Barbara Vaughn (Salome, AZ)**, former 4CU Affiliate from the AZ Unit, and former Region 11 President, passed away 5 Feb 2018 at the age of 74 after a long battle with pulmonary disease. Barbara is survived by her husband, Charles. She will be missed by all those who knew her and worked with her in WBCCI.

We were saddened to lose 4CU member **Craig Bowman (Scottsdale, AZ)**, who passed away 3 January 18. Craig's health had rapidly declined over the last several months, with multiple stays and surgeries in the hospital ... and finally hospice. Those who knew Craig will remember him as a happy, upbeat camper. He loved Airstreaming and the 4CU. And his enthusiasm was contagious ... in fact, he was one of a small group of members who helped welcome new members into the Unit — a quiet, but valued service to the Unit. We offer our most sincere condolences to Craig's wife, **Kathy Wilson**, as she moves forward through this difficult time. We will miss Craig and his friendly, outgoing demeanor.

Are you moving? Did you get married?

Do you have a new family member?

If you have news or life events that you'd like to share with the 4CU membership, just let Terry Rich know at [Terry@TBRich.com](mailto:Terry@TBRich.com).

A big thank you to all of the following contributors who made this issue of the 4CU newsletter possible:

Steve Bittner, Howard Efner, Terry Rich, Greg Schmuker, Bonnie Bobman, John Greenfield & Jamey Lathrop,

Dan Rossbach, Ed Whitney, Leon Hauck and the 4CU Board Members

## 4CU Birthday Club

by Bonnie Bobman

Wish you knew a 4CU member's birthday so you could send best wishes? Join the 4CU Birthday Club and we can all celebrate together! In each newsletter we will publish a list of our upcoming birthdays! If you see one of your 4CU pals has a birthday drawing near, you'll know to send them a greeting!

The 4CU would like to wish a very happy birthday to the following people:

Carolyn Tschupp.....	April 8
Terry Rich.....	April 27
Debbi Vesco.....	April 28
Kathy Wilson.....	May 10
Alan Bobman.....	May 23
Jeff ( Stumpy) Vaughn.....	June 2
Greg Schmuker .....	June 16
Dorothy Wood.....	June 21
Dennis Moore.....	July 7
Jerry Rainey.....	July 31
Ramona Heath.....	July 31

To join the club, simply email your name and birth date

The Month and Date or MM/DD - Year is NOT necessary to Bonnie at [BAAMbi7as@gmail.com](mailto:BAAMbi7as@gmail.com)



2017 EL MORRO RALLY - PHOTO BY DIANE & DENNIS MOORE

# 4CU Membership Report

By Terry Rich

We are pleased to WELCOME the following New Members who have joined the 4CU since the June 2017 Newsletter.

Kirk & Terry Atkinson, Elk River, MN (4CU Affiliate, MN Unit)  
Alan & Karen Andrews, Las Vegas, NM (4CU)  
Keith & Carol Bennett, Albuquerque, NM (4CU)  
Glenn Bultmann, Durango, CO (4CU)  
Ernie & Chrissy Bunn, Buffalo, WY (4CU Affiliates, WY Unit)  
Kirby & Nancy Collins, Los Lunas, NM (4CU, Transferring from North TX Unit)  
Larry & Paula Dunagan, Owensboro, KY (4CU)  
Vivian Firlein, Page, AZ (4CU)  
Joe & Sally Fitzgibbon, Los Alamos, NM (4CU)  
Andrea Fisk, Valparaiso, FL (4CU)  
Laura Funk, Tucson, AZ (4CU Transfer for MAL)  
Michael & Diane Gilmore, Eloy, AZ (4CU)  
John & Shirley Gotelli, Sun City, AZ (4CU, Transferring from Northern CA Unit)  
Steven & Daniella Hauptman, Surprise, AZ (4CU Affiliates, AZ Unit)  
Kim Hopwood, Silver City, NM (4CU Affiliate from NM Unit)  
Jack Hornbeck, Arvada, CO (4CU Affiliate, DenCO Unit)  
Michael & Jennifer Houlden, Coldwater, Ontario, CAN (4CU Affiliates, MAL)  
Terry & Bonnie Larson, Fruita, CO (4CU)  
James & Kimberly Lightfoot, (Affiliates, AZ Unit)  
Patrick & Colleen Moore, Benson, AZ (4CU Affiliates from AZ Unit)  
Russell & Kim Moore, Frederick, CO (Affiliates, DenCO Unit)  
Steve & Sophia Rodgers, Albuquerque, NM (4CU)  
Tim Simpkins & Linda Roberts, Scottsdale, AZ (4CU, Transferring from AZ Unit)



and even MORE NEW MEMBERS!

Thomas Snyder & Victor Trujillo, Montezuma, NM (4CU)

Edward & Carolyn Tschupp, Tucson, AZ (4CU)

Jay & Cathie Waltz, St. Albans, VT (4CU Affiliates, NE Mountaineers Airstream Club)

Barbara Zappulla & Robert Burns, Madison, SD

A big 4CU WELCOME to each of you! We are pleased to have you join our merry band of happy campers and encourage you to get involved ASAP! Those who have not yet attended a rally, why not sign up for one soon and jump in? You won't regret it! We all look forward to seeing you around the 4CU campfire as soon and as often as possible.

## Will You Help Welcome New 4CU Members?

We have a small group of members who have volunteered to send welcome email notes to new members as they join. You can be part of that effort. If you'd like to help, drop Terry Rich a note at [Terry@TBRich.com](mailto:Terry@TBRich.com). You will then be CC'd as each new member welcome letter goes out. Just follow up with a personal welcome note of your own at your leisure. This is an easy but important way to help with membership. Reaching out to new members makes a world of difference to them! The best thing you can do to keep the 4CU strong is to help new members to get involved and help them get acquainted with other members. We all know how hard it is to join a new group not knowing anyone. This is a chance to ease someone's way to being a new friend right at the get-go!



Natalie & Dave Sharka



Cathie & Jay Waltz



Mike & Diane Gilmore

## Our Current Membership Numbers:

Even with normal membership attrition, we began 2018 with more members than we began with in 2017.

We currently have 182 Full Members + 79 Affiliate Members for a total of 261 Members.

## Help the 4CU Continue to Grow!

There's a 2017/18 Membership Form available on the 4CU Website at

<http://fourcornersunit.com/membership.html> and an online version is available at

<http://4cu.boondocking.net/application.php>.

If you have any questions about 4CU or WBCCI, don't hesitate to contact Terry Rich at [Terry@TBRich.com](mailto:Terry@TBRich.com)

When we camp there are opportunities to share our good times in the 4CU with other Airstreamers. Why not print some 4CU 2017/18 Member Applications and keep a supply in your rig ... or keep a copy on your laptop and phone to email to folks you meet! You never know when someone will want information about the 4CU! Word of mouth is our greatest membership development tool.

## There Is Something New Happening for New Members!

International has begun including regular WBCCI Name Badges in the information packets that new members receive. Badges used to be the responsibility of each unit some members weren't getting their badges in a timely matter, so International decided to issue them. HOWEVER, the 4CU and several other units have custom-designed badges. We will continue to issue the 4CU custom badges to new members ... so they will have both types of badges. Both versions are valid identification for club matters. Existing members may purchase a WBCCI-issued badge if they wish. Please contact Terry Rich for info.

Questions?

If you have any questions about 4CU or WBCCI membership, your current membership status please do not hesitate to contact Terry Rich, Membership Chair, at [Terry@TBRich.com](mailto:Terry@TBRich.com).

Happy trails!

Terry Rich

Membership Chair

## MORE 4CU NEWS!!!

## Your 4CU Board Has Been Busy!

### Unit Name Change

The official founding name of the unit is “Four Corners Unit of New Mexico”. The Board proposed a change of name to simply “**Four Corners Unit**” (dropping “of New Mexico”) to the membership in September 2017. This simply reflects how the unit is known already. And the formal name change eliminates confusion created by the “of New Mexico” part. The unit’s response was unanimous, in favor of the change with 131 votes cast out of a possible 198 (at that time). In response to membership approval the Board submitted a formal motion for the name change for consideration and approval by the Winter IBT (International Board of Trustees) in January 2018. Our name change was approved by the IBT on 11 January 2018. Subsequently, in March we held a membership ballot of the motion to change the 4CU Constitution to reflect the new name ... this was a formality, but necessitated another membership vote with a 2/3 membership approval required for passage. That ballot yielded another unanimous affirmative vote of 136 members out of a possible 179 (at the time). Our revised governing documents have since been submitted to International for their records. It was a long process, but it’s done!

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### 4CU Member Badge Update

International has imposed design guidelines for those units who have custom-designed name badges, which includes the 4CU. All designs must now be approved by the IBT. We made minor changes to the 4CU badge and submitted it for approval at the Winter IBT. The revised badge not only brings it into compliance with the guidelines but reflects our new name. The most obvious change is updating the WBCCI seal logo with the verbiage “Wally Byam Airstream Club” rather than “Wally Byam Caravan Club International”. We gained Region 11 approval and the revised design was submitted to International. Additional tweaks were requested by International. These were made and it was resubmitted for approval at the Winter IBT. Our Name Badge was approved by the IBT on 11 January 2018. (The face of the revised badge layout is shown here.) We began issuing the revised layout to new members once it was submitted. The old badges members have will suffice for most of our needs, but if you intend to attend International in 2018, please let us know and we will send you a revised badge.

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### Unit Flags

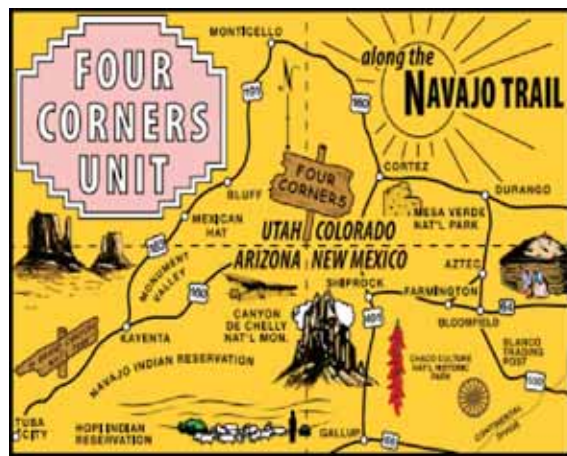
The 3rd production of the 4CU flag was completed in time for delivery at the 2017 Thanksgiving Rally. We had received the US and State flags we ordered earlier. All flag orders have been now been shipped or delivered at rallies. Unfortunately, we have no 4CU remaining in stock. But if you would like ordering info for the US and State flags, we can provide that to you.





### Unit Navajo Trail Stickers

The Unit has produced “Navajo Trail” stickers (4.75” x 3”) for our members’ use. (The “Navajo Trail” is the map art on side 2 of 4CU name badges.) They are available (1 per rig) to all members on a first come, first served basis. Pick one up at a rally or by mail (send a stamped, self addressed envelope (SASE) to Terry Rich, 4325 E Ware St, Tucson, AZ 85711). We are also including a sticker in the name badge mailing to new members.



### 4CU Aluminum Element T-Shirts

We have a number of navy blue short sleeve Aluminum Element 4CU T-Shirts available in large. The price is \$14 + shipping if necessary. If interested, please contact Terry Rich (terry@tbrich.com).



### Are You Attending the International Rally?

If you are attending the International Rally in Salem, OR, please let Terry Rich (terry@tbrich.com) know ASAP. We would like to let those attending know who else is going so there is an opportunity for interested parties to caravan and/or meet up at the Rally. Eileen Pauley has been designated as the 4CU Delegate for the International Rally proceedings. And Maria Beck has been designated as the 4CU Alternate Delegate. Thanks, Eileen & Maria for your service!





2018 NEW YEARS RALLY - PHOTO BY DIANE MOORE

## 4th Quarter Financial - 10/01/17 to 12/30/17

~ By Howard Efner ~

Starting Balance		7338.65
Income		
Dues - Cash	1215.00	
Dues - PayPal*	2142.09	
Flag Sales	15.00	
Badges	20.00	
Thanksgiving Rally CG Reimbursement	240.00	
Thangsgiving Rally Expense	10.76	
Total	<u>3642.85</u>	
Expenditures		
International Dues	3136.00	
Dues Overpayment	83.00	
First Rally Rebate	20.00	
Flag Postage	68.70	
Treasurer Postage	18.13	
Sticker Order	<u>698.75</u>	
Membership Expense	<u>126.64</u>	
Total	<u>4151.22</u>	
Ending Balance		6830.28

\* Less PayPal Fees \*\* Books Closed 12/22/17



## 4th Annual Piecing in Picacho

~ By Bonnie Bobman ~

I can't believe it's been 4 years!! What started out as a way for me to keep busy during a longer than usual rally - I think New Years 2015 was about 5 days at Picacho Peak, if I am not mistaken. - has grown into a much anticipated event.

Being challenged by staying still, I needed to bring a project which would be appropriate for dry camping. Quilting for charity - you know, where you use electric powered sewing machines and irons. Perfect!

Ask anyone at the past New Years rallies about how that could possibly work and you'd get an unequivocal "Of course, it can!" With everyone chipping in with their machines, cutting boards, donated fabric and, of course, snacks and camaraderie, it has been a true success. Over the past 4 years we have pieced

(sewn together) the tops for 74 quilts which have been donated to Quilts for Kids - see website [www.quiltsforkids.org](http://www.quiltsforkids.org)

We have also collected funds to purchase the batting (filling) and postage to send the quilts to their headquarters for distribution.

We've sewn under the ramadas with 4 outlets, power strips and extension cords for as many as 8 machines and 4 irons! And weather??? We've had our share of challenges there, too. Sun - easy to take, but that snow!!!! Did we hang it up? NO WAY! With tarps to keep the warm air from the heaters from escaping the shelter and even warmer hearts to keep sewing with fingerless gloves, layers of coats we kept going!!





So now, it has become an integral part of Louis and Sergios historic New Years Rally! Thank you both for including it on the schedule year after year! And a HUGE thank you for everyone who has encouraged and supported this charity which has become part of our Four Corners Unit.

If at anytime you feel you would like to contribute by sewing in your home or on the road, or simply have questions about this project, please contact me at [BAAMbi7as@gmail.com](mailto:BAAMbi7as@gmail.com).

Photos by Terry Rich and Diane More





PHOTO BY DIANE MOORE

## WHAT KIND OF TRAVELER ARE YOU???

✧ By Dan Rossbach aka "Silver Sanctuary" ✧

Before I retired, I was concerned about getting to where I was going, spending the fewest possible hours between start and destination. Mentally I measured travel time in terms of "vacation days used", and although I got essentially 30 days a year, trips were always bumped up against federal holidays to s-t-r-e-t-c-h the vacation so that other trips or mini-trips were possible.

This was true whether or not I intended to travel by road with my Airstream, or visit relatives leaving the trailer behind. Sometimes it almost dictated my mode of travel. For instance, I now live in Albuquerque, NM but have family in Minnesota. We are talking about 20 hours of driving time each way, and in my youth, my wife and I drove similar distances straight through regularly. I have driven about every possible route between the west and mid-west, and it really doesn't make much difference which way you go, you aren't

on a 'scenic route'. A cornfield is a cornfield. With fuel prices much better in those days than now, driving was much cheaper than flying, even though the time needed to fly was significantly better than the time required to drive, there were tradeoffs.

As I aged and became more financially able to choose between driving and flying, driving remained relatively the same old boring sights while air travel became a menace, especially post 9-11-2001. Most places recommended arriving two hours ahead of the flight time at the airport with security screening hassles and baggage limitations. Frequent delays and cancellations made a road trip of a couple hundred miles a 'no brainer' since you could get where you were going in fewer hours than you would spend flying, and usually still at lesser cost if two or more people would be traveling. There were times when I flew for a couple of hours to save two days up and

two days back on a visit of only four days. It made little sense to spend more (or as much) time traveling to the destination as at the destination, even if it did cost more. After all, 'vacation days' were at stake.

But as I reached retirement age, I found a sudden shift in my travel outlook that seemed to explain why the WBCCI pick some unusual locations in the country for their national rallies. First thought: Farmington, NM? Really? Although I had only just joined the WBCCI when that one was announced, I did not learn make the sign-up list. As a member of the 4 Corners Unit, I would certainly have attended, paid good money, and been hot and miserable with everyone else. The following year they picked Escanaba, MI. I lived 3 years just north of there, and although the Upper Peninsula of Michigan has some very interesting and pretty sights, I did not consider Escanaba to be one of them. I also remembered the black flies in the summer. They were the worst about the time of the international rally. What were they thinking?

As my thinking moved from "vacation days" to "every day is a Saturday", I started to understand that there were two types of travelers and multiple combinations in between. I will call these two types of travelers "*destination-centric*" and "*journey-centric*". I was clearly destination-centric for most of my life. Now I am becoming more journey-centric. And as I become more journey-centric, I begin to recognize others who are journey-centric. The WBCCI, for example, fits the journey-centric model with their selections for the national rallies I referred to earlier. Farmington is generally not a popular or sought after destination, but depending on which direction you approach from, you have Monument Valley and five National Parks in Utah, Chaco Canyon National Historic Park, Carlsbad Caverns and White

Sands in New Mexico, the Grand Canyon, and Canyon de Chelly in Arizona, Dinosaur National Monument, Mesa Verde and the Black Canyon of the Gunnison in Colorado and a host of other things to see and do in the area. Those who enjoy the journey had a virtual cornucopia of things to feast on. Destination-centric travelers, not so much, although visiting old friends at the destination helps.

The same is true of Escanaba. Those approaching from the east travel over the Mackinaw Bridge, an awesome sight. Mackinaw Island just north of the bridge is an exceptional experience and worth a couple of days to enjoy. The shorelines of Lakes Superior and Michigan depending on your travel route are also exceptional. Along the way you can even enjoy meat pies (pasties, pronounced with a short 'a') of Welch miner origin that are popular with "Yoopers" and quite tasty. From the west you could have traveled through the Wisconsin 'Door Country' or along the Lake Superior coast past the picturesque Apostle Islands. If coming from the northwest you may have passed the headwaters of the mighty Mississippi River in Bemidji (I have actually jumped across the Mississippi there), or the shipping port in Duluth harbor. From the southwest you could have passed through the Twin Cities of Minneapolis/St. Paul and visited Mall of America. Journey-centric travelers could have had a great time. Destination-centric travelers could have rushed to Escanaba to enjoy the black flies.

Most have probably discovered this whether or not they have formalized their thinking. It makes sense, but I really did not see it until after I retired. I guess your perspective is all important in these things. If you find any 'youngsters' who haven't been able to stop and smell the roses, let them know it gets better!



## 4CU Thanksgiving Rally at Caballo Lake State Park, NM



The 4CU converged Caballo Lake State Park, NM in the Riverside Campground Group Area on Wednesday, 22 November 2017 to celebrate Thanksgiving! John & Sylvia Blan and Terry Rich & Greg Schmuker were the co-hosts. A few got there a day or two earlier to set up and make ready for the crowd. By the end of Wednesday, we had 23 rigs in attendance with one more scheduled to arrive on Friday ... for a total of 24 rigs in total, with folks from all 4 corners states and from as far away as Michigan, Minnesota and Nevada.

This was a buddy rally, so non-Airstreamers could join in the fun. John & Sylvia Blan invited their neighbors, Len & Linda Worcester and Steve & Tess Hume invited Don & Chris Thompson and Graham & Jinan Munro and daughter Elle... they all had a great time. Don & Chris are trying to find an Airstream and the Munros, currently full-timing in their Airstream, are planning to join our numbers.

Weather was spectacular... days in 80s, nights in the low 40s/high 30s. This was most welcome after the 2015 TG Rally at Elephant Butte was cold and rainy. The venue was perfect for groups. There is a 60' x 60' main shelter with electricity and lights...then scattered around the main shelter where were 6 "satellite shelters", each of which could accommodate 8 rigs, each with their own electrical hookup and a water spigot to share. At the main shelter there were 2 hosting sites and 4 sites that we reserved for folks with mobility issues. Each day we had morning coffee with light fare and a group area campfire at the main shelter.

The first night we had a great happy hour with introductions/announcements followed by a group campfire.

The big day was Thursday, of course. We started roasting turkeys around 10am ... we cooked 5 birds and had a smoked turkey as well. The crowd had volunteered for a variety of traditional Thanksgiving dishes from rolls to cranberry sauce and everything in between, with some regional dishes to share as well. The dinner bell rang around 3pm and the rest is a blur. There was plenty of food for all and everyone walked away happy and full.

Rather than immediately having dessert, we gathered for a Thanksgiving Dessert Buffet at 6pm after everyone had a chance to rest and make room. That spread, too, was a complete array of holiday goodies and more.

Friday was a day of rest for most...folks relaxing and exploring the area from Hatch to Truth or Consequences. That evening we had a "hearty happy hour" and dinner (not needed) on our own, followed by another campfire.

Saturday morning our regular coffee time was followed by a build-your- own "Boiling Bag Omelet Breakfast"... everyone put scrambled eggs and whatever they wanted from the selection of omelet ingredients \ into a zip-lock bag they had written their names on ... sealed the bag and dropped it into a big pot of boiling water. 12-15 minutes later the bags came out and voilà, we have omelets! We provided tortillas to make breakfast burritos and fried potatoes as well. Everyone enjoyed what we called "a science experiment you can eat!"

Saturday evening we had an open grill ...we set up the grill for folks to cook their own meat of choice ... and John & Sylvia made Fajitas on their camping kitchen grill. Mmmm. Everyone had all they wanted!

Sunday was Happy Trails Day...we all said our goodbyes and hit the road to the next adventure or home ... heading in all directions ... till we meet again. Life is good.

The rally and the Caballo Lake was a wonderful success so much so that John & Sylvia Blan and Lynn Eubank & Maria Beck will be back to host the 2018 Thanksgiving Rally !!....Mark your calendars!





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## PANCHO VILLA - BINATIONAL CAVALCADE

By Ed Whitney

The 2018 Binational Pancho Villa Cavalcade of Horses Rally was held at Pancho Villa State Park in Columbus, NM on March 7 - 11 March 2018. Attendance was excellent with 22 rigs and 43 people!

4CU members/affiliates began to arrive on 6 March and the park was full with all hook up sites taken by the morning of 7 March. Everyone pulled together and assisted participants who were required to boon dock. The internal support was just excellent! Many members doubled up and shared their electricity in lieu of independent hook ups. The Wagon Masters (aka hosts) knew the park would be busy due to the local festivities, however the pressure exceeded the expectations of all, including the Park Ranger.

Nonetheless, everyone had a great time enjoying the camaraderie, making new, or refreshing relationships with old friends.

The continental breakfasts were busy and those

attending enjoyed a mix of banana, date, chocolate breads alongside french toast bagels, croissants, english muffins, jellies/preserves and cream cheese. Beverages included, coffee, orange, apple, and tomato juices.

Happy Hours — wow what can I say? People brought wine and spirits and the 4CU provided fixings for the bar. There were some darn good Blood Mary's made during of the rally. Appetizers, and other dishes to pass were just yummy with an excellent combination of various goodies. Being able to hit the bar, have a few drinks, eat and chat were enjoyed by all.

The Pink Store outing to Los Palamos, Mexico was truly a hoot with 37 of the 43 rallyists enjoying shopping and the luncheon on Friday. It was truly a fun time and the Mexican food is simply authentic Mexican! Frankly it gets a bit noisy but that adds to the excitement. It is the kind of place to visit time and time again.



and it rained a bit the morning of everyone's departure. Nights were cool but that made the fire circle even more enjoyable.

- It was clear that everyone enjoyed the judging, was truly a fun time!

There was plenty to do in Columbus, Deming and Los Palamos during the Rally. In fact, there was a lot to do on Friday and an abundance on Saturday. The crowds in Columbus were amazing with numbers ranging in the thousands on Saturday. Folks raved about the food at Irma's and The Patio in Columbus, and Ed and Christa Whitney discovered a great small Mexican Restaurant in Deming across the road from the Walmart. Can't recall the name but they served some awfully good Menudo.

In summary, everyone in attendance had a great time, there was a lot of friendship, things to do, food to eat, decent weather and the consensus was "let's do it again"!



# Deming Headlight



London Group  
that began at  
jazz and  
folk festivals in  
the  
1960s and  
1970s  
and continued  
until the  
1990s.

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A group of men in a parking lot, one holding a clipboard.

immunity split among the rebels and the government forces that confront them from the historical figures behind. Some experts also doubt the degree to which the rebels are united and shared property along the border, opposing demands for control of the sea.

These aspects of the Colingata as a personal challenge, with many relating the physical demands of the journey to the sea and to historical figures, have been used to give to this ascent (ride, which takes back to back, for more than a decade.

After the party, the contingent planned to ride the another two days into the heart of Jarrow before stepping for the night.

The expected in Palermo on May 19 for a celebration, late in motivation at the house champagne, however, only one of the guests, a woman, was from Colingata, while others remain on the Mountain side.

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# Upcoming 4CU Rallies

## 2018 Moab 2

When ..... April 30 - May 4, 2018



Where ..... ACT Campground, Moab, UT

Host ..... Terry Rich & Greg Schmuker

Info ..... <https://fourcornersunit.com/rallies/2018-04-30-moab.html>

## 2018 Summer in Santa Fe V

When ..... June 1 -4, 2018



Where ..... Santa Fe Skies RV Park, Santa Fe, NM

Host ..... Carolyn & Howard Efner , Barbara Johnston & Janis White, Diane & Dennis Moore

Info ..... Infomation available on the 4CU website

## 2018 Thanksgiving @ Caballo - Buddy Rally

When ..... November 21-25, 2018



Where ..... Caballo Lake State Park, Caballo, NM

Host ..... John and Silvia Blan; Maria Beck and Lynn Eubank"

Info ..... <https://fourcornersunit.com/rallies/2018-thanksgiving-caballo.html>

# SUMMER IN SANTA FE

Come join the Four Corners Unit for the return of a celebration of **Summer in Santa Fe**, NM. June 1st - June 4th. At Santa Fe Skies RV Park.

Co-hosts: **Howard & Carolyn Efner** (hfefner@cybermesa.com), **Barbara Johnston & Janis White** (barbara4rb@comcast.net), **Diane & Dennis Moore** (sewbusy65@aol.com).

Camping fees are \$48.00 per night with full hookups, *Make your camping reservations directly with Santa Fe Skies RV Park (877.565.0451, [www.santafeskiesrvpark.com](http://www.santafeskiesrvpark.com) )*. When you call to make reservations, be sure to mention that you are with the Four Corners Unit Airstream group. Checks payable to Santa Fe Skies RV Park. The camping fees also cover use of the community kitchen and meeting room. This rally is limited to a maximum of 25 units. Sites for campers with disabilities are available. Santa Fe Skies RV Park is pet friendly with a large enclosed pet area.

The rally fee is \$10 per person (under 16 free). To sign up for the rally, send your check, payable to the Four Corners Unit, along with the rally registration form, to: Howard Efner, 30 Camino Caballos Spur, Lamy, NM 87540. Registration and payment must be received by May 15, 2018. No refunds after May 19, 2018. Paid registrations will be handled on a first-come-first-served basis. Any registrations, over the limit, will be placed on a waiting list. Wait list registrations, unable to attend, will be refunded in full after the rally is over.

Thursday, May 31, 2018 - Early Arrivals

Friday, June 1, 2018 - Rally Begins

Monday, June 4, 2018 - Rally Ends. Happy Trails.

**Rally activities:** The famous 4CU Happy Hour each evening, coffee and goodies each morning, a soft taco bar on Thursday, Friday dinner out (optional), Saturday BBQ and a potluck on Sunday. On your own - Friday night gallery openings in Santa Fe (4-7 PM), a morning trip to Tent Rocks, a trip to the Pecos National Monument (have lunch at Frankie's Casanova Restaurant in Pecos), shopping on the Plaza, a trip to Los Alamos and the Bradbury Science Museum and/or the Bandelier National Monument, El Rancho de las Golondrinas living history museum, a trip to Chimayo and brunch at Rancho de Chimayo, or tour the High Road to Taos.

This is a Four Corners Unit WBCCI Rally so all WBCCI members are welcome. If you are a non-WBCCI Airstream owner and wish to attend as a guest, please contact one of the hosts.



## Summer In Santa Fe V Rally Registration

Name(s)\_\_\_\_\_ WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit\_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee: # adults in party \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

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